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Ribbons! Ribbons! Ribbons! at half price at Shanahan's.

Just received—A lot of brass candlesticks at Woodfield's Art Store, Bond street.

B. C. Benson, formerly of Astoria, where he was well and favorably known, died in Seattle on December 6.

Ladies' bath robes at Danzigers'.

25 per cent off on fancy Chinaware and money satchels this week only, Woodfield's Art Store, Bond street.

A fine window in the matter of Christmas display is that of the P. A. Stokes furnishing store, and it is attracting much attention.

Do not miss the fancy bazar and sale in the basement of the Presbyterian church on Friday, commencing at 4 o'clock, by the Methodist ladies.

The soldiers at Ft. Stevens are making elaborate preparations for their Christmas dinner. It promises to be an important social function.

School district No. 16 at Knappa, has levied a school tax of 3 1/2 mills. The actions of the directors were filed in the county clerk's office yesterday.

The Shetland colts are the drawing card at the Unique this week. Nothing like them ever seen before in Astoria. An unusually attractive program this week.

Captain Force of the Thirty-fourth artillery of Ft. Stevens was in the city yesterday. He expects to be transferred to Ft. Columbia in the near future.

County Clerk Clinton yesterday issued a marriage license to John Conception and Mrs. Myrtle Smith. John has a conception of what is required of a man who enters the marriage state.

C. J. Trenchard will open an office at the corner of Commercial and Eighth streets in the building formerly occupied by J. S. Dellinger, about the first of the month.

Smoking Jackets at Danzigers'.

The representatives of the timber syndicates filed affidavits in the circuit court yesterday, in which they allege, that their timber is or has been assessed too high. The affidavits are valueless as to the point in issue.

Today, commencing at 4 p. m., sale of useful and fancy articles by the Methodist ladies in the basement of the new Presbyterian church. Refreshments, candies, etc. Come and see.

There is no complaint about business at the Star saloon. Good goods and courteous treatment will draw trade to any first-class saloon. That's what makes business good at the Star. The best is none too good for our customers.

Holiday Neckwear at Danzigers'.

Hon. W. R. Williams, representative in the legislature of Washington, was in the city yesterday interviewing his many friends. Mr. Williams is interested in the fishing industry of the Columbia river, and has a thorough knowledge of the needs of the industry.

The Methodist ladies invite you to attend their annual sale of useful and fancy articles, candies, light refreshments, etc., in the basement of the new Presbyterian church today and this evening, opening at 4 o'clock. Many choice bargains will be offered.

Ember day service at Grace church this (Friday) evening at 7:30. The Sunday school room will be warmed and lighted each afternoon and evening from now till Christmas eve for the preparation of the Christmas greens. Those who can are requested to lend a hand.

Several applications for positions of chief of police and police officers were made yesterday to the newly-elected republican police commission. They will be referred to the committee on irrigation, until such time as the newly-elected commissioners secure certificates of election.

The ladies of the Congregational church will serve a lunch at noon on Saturday, December 17, in the annex to Johnson Bros' store. Entrance also through the store of A. Dunbar Company. There will also be for sale, mince meat, plum pudding, fruit cake, jellies, doughnuts and candy. The public are cordially invited.

Mark T. Brownson of Portland, who is special agent for the Western Loan and Savings Company of Salt Lake City, is in town looking after the interests of his company. The Western is one of the strongest and most reliable institutions in the country, it having an authorized capital of \$500,000, and a permanent reserve fund with the state of Oregon alone, of \$100,000.

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Christmas novelties at Hoefler's have been received. All candy manufactured at home, 10 cents per pound and up. Decorations for Christmas surpass anything ever brought to Astoria. Everything in the line of confections and pure candy guaranteed to be first-class. The largest and most complete line in Astoria can be procured at Hoefler's.

Mrs. John P. Brennan of Pillar Rock died Wednesday evening at her residence, of paralysis. She had resided on the Columbia river for nearly 40 years, and was well and favorably known. She leaves a husband, a nephew, James Meehan of Pillar Rock, and a niece, Mrs. P. Kearney, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. The funeral takes place this morning at Pillar Rock and the interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

At the Star.

The versatile dance artists, the Garity sisters, have captivated Astoria by their grace and artistic dancing, which is certainly a marvel in vaudeville entertainment. The change of program attracted another overcrowded house last evening. In addition to the Garity sisters, is a program of specialties seldom seen on this coast. The Mexican quintet still continues to be a drawing card, and the acrobatic trio come in for a fair share of applause greeting each number on the program.

The official vote of Wednesday's election was canvassed yesterday by Auditor Anderson, Justice Goodman and County Clerk Clinton. The result was the same as published in yesterday morning's Astorian. Certificates of election were issued to A. M. Smith, city attorney; George Morton, councilman from the Second ward, and Paul Stanglund, councilman from the Third ward. No certificates were issued to the gentlemen who were placed on the ticket at 2:25 Wednesday for police commission. It was considered that the work was too coarse.

In the event of a contest over the police commissioner's office, W. E. Schimpff will play an important part. He received more votes in precinct No. 5 than any other of the candidates, in the entire city, but not being on the inside his votes were thrown out on the pretense that because the voters did not place a cross in front of his name the votes should not be counted. According to law the votes must be counted, as it provides that if it is possible to ascertain from the ballot what the elector's intentions are, the vote must be counted.

Bath Robes at Danzigers'.

The representatives from Clatsop county, and those from Washington who attended the conference yesterday relative to fish legislation, desire to return their thanks to the Commercial Club of Astoria for their kindness in allowing them the use of their reading room, to the exclusion of members, and to assure them that their kindness was appreciated. The Commercial Club is interested in all matters of public importance and has always assisted in any matter looking to the interests of Clatsop county. Their kindness was appreciated and commented upon by all present.

When asked yesterday if certificates of election would be issued to F. J. Carney, R. F. Prael and R. V. Jones, the quasi republican police commissioners, Auditor Anderson stated, that he would be governed by the opinion of the city attorney. He has read Dunlap on the statute of frauds, but finds no authority to issue commissions to a dual police commission. City Attorney Smith when asked about the matter stated that in his opinion one police commission was all that the charter provided, and that if the republicans wanted to elect a police commission they should notify the citizens' committee.

E. Shelly Morgan of Portland, secretary and treasurer of the Travelers' Protective Association, of the Oregon and Washington division, and representing the Mutual Label and Lithograph Company of San Francisco, is in the city in the interests of the company. The Mutual is the only exclusive label company on the coast. Last year they furnished 300,000,000 salmon labels for the Pacific coast, over 30,000,000 of which were used on the Columbia river. He has been busy since his arrival here taking orders for next season's business. Mr. Morgan is an affable gentleman and popular with his customers. He has been furnishing labels for the Astoria cannerymen for the past 18 years.

Hon. G. C. Fulton, attorney for the Masonic Building and Land Association yesterday filed an answer in the suit recently brought by the O. R. & Co. to obtain possession of lots 3 and 4, block 133 Shively's Astoria, upon which they erected an imitation of the new Astoria hotel—so it is claimed. The answer denies that the company is the owner of the property, and that it maliciously and with malice aforethought entered upon the premises in the night time and erected a structure

thereon for the purpose of holding the property against the lawful claims of the Masonic Land and Building Association. It is contended that no one has a right to erect a building on another man's property in the night time, or, in fact, at any other time. The case will probably be heard next Monday.

With great eclat and a blare of trumpets, William Madison will celebrate his 50th birthday this evening at his palatial dump on Commercial street. Only about 100 personal friends of Mr. Madison have been invited, as he is very particular as to what kind of company he keeps. A literary program of unusual merit has been prepared. A menu that challenges admiration will be submitted to the invited guests. Hon. W. L. Robb has been selected as toastmaster, and John McGuire will officiate as sergeant at arms. The menu will be characterized by the elimination of brace games and harmful influences. The price of whites will be reduced to 48 cents, and a very enjoyable evening is anticipated. A turkey supper with oyster patties and clam chowder will be served free to his customers during the day.

A meeting of the representatives in the legislatures of Oregon and Washington, residing on the Columbia river, and a few other people interested in fish legislation, was held yesterday afternoon for the purpose of discussing laws necessary for the protection of the fishing industry. In a quiet way, Hon. J. N. Laws was there, as was also Hon. J. V. Burns, and several other gentlemen representing Clatsop county. The state of Washington was represented by Fish Commissioner Kershaw, Deputy Link Burton, Representative J. G. Meglar, M. Gorman and several other representatives from Washington. Several matters were suggested and discussed, all of which met with some opposition from the representatives of the two states. Being unable to agree upon any definite line of legislation, the meeting adjourned sine die.

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